

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A voting apparatus comprising:

(a) a print media receiving unit including a surface suitable for receiving a printed medium containing two or more choices;

(b) an electronic position determining system capable of determining a position of a selection of the two or more choices on the print medium when the print medium is disposed on the surface; and

(c) an information storage medium capable of storing the selection.

2. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the information storage medium is in the form of a cartridge.

3. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electronic position determining system further comprises a stylus coupled to the print media receiving unit.

4. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising the print medium.

5. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium is a voting ballot.

6. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium includes a plurality of apertures through which a voter inserts a stylus to punch one or more holes in a ballot disposed underneath the print medium.

7. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print medium includes a plurality of apertures through which a voter inserts a stylus to mark on or more locations on a ballot disposed underneath the print medium.

8. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the surface is cooperatively structured to receive the print medium.

9. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electronic position determining system includes a plurality of signal transmitting elements disposed within the print media receiving unit, and wherein the voting apparatus includes a stylus that comprises a signal receiving element.

10. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a display device coupled to the print media receiving unit.

1 11. The voting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
2 a voting booth.

1 12. The voting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the print media receiving unit further
2 comprises a button that is adapted to be depressed for recording a vote or a region that is
3 adapted to be selected by a stylus for recording a vote.

1 13. A voting system comprising:
2 the voting apparatus of claim 1; and
3 a module for resetting the information storage medium.

1 14. A voting system comprising:
2 the voting apparatus of claim 1;
3 a client computer adapted to receive a vote from the voting apparatus; and
4 a server computer in operative communication with the client computer for
5 receiving the vote from the client computer and for tabulating the vote along with other
6 votes.

1 15. A method for voting comprising:
2 using any of the voting apparatus of claim 1 to vote for a candidate.

1 16. A voting apparatus comprising:

2 (a) a print media receiving unit including a surface suitable for receiving a
3 print medium containing two or more choices;

4 (b) an electronic position determining system capable of determining a
5 position of a selection of the two or more choices on the print medium when the print
6 medium is disposed on the surface, the electronic position determining system including (i) a
7 plurality of signal transmitting elements under the surface, (ii) a processor operatively
8 coupled to the plurality of signal transmitting elements, (iii) a memory including electronic
9 maps containing the choices and the locations of the choices in the print medium, and (iv) a
10 stylus coupled to the print media receiving unit, wherein the stylus includes a signal receiving
11 element; and

12 (c) an information storage medium capable of storing the selection.

